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1. ABWEHR

(a) It is reported from a source the reliability of which cannot be determined that a new Abwehrstelle has been set up at Kolding, Jutland. It is already known, and has been stated in a previous report, that the SIS and S.L. have their H.Q. for Jutland at Kolding, and it is possible that source has confused the two organizations.

(b) The bookshop, "Boghuset" from which Abwehrstelle Copenhagen conducts various undercover activities is now known to be a limited liability company, one of the ~~directors~~ of which is Rittmester E. SCHIFFER, an Abwehr officer who operated in Denmark before the invasion as assistant German press attache and who is thought still to use this cover. His private address is ~~to~~ Vridtjof Nansens Plads 6, 2nd floor, Copenhagen (tel. Fo. 917).

Another ~~director~~ of the company is Herbert Georg TANIELSEN, merchant, who lives at Pandhusvej 54, Charlottenlund (tel. Ord. 454) and who has an office at Nørre Voldgade 28, Copenhagen (tel. C. 10865 and 5868). He is a German citizen born in 1881 in Flensburg in the disputed territory of South Jutland. For about 10 years before the last war he was employed by the firm P. PORNOLET & Co., in Petrograd. He served as a German soldier in the last war, was a prisoner in Russia, and came to Copenhagen in 1919, where he started his present business, which is that of a wholesale dealer in cotton and woolen goods.

During 1940, before the invasion of Denmark, he was reported to be receiving official correspondence from E.L. BAER, the German consul-general in Chicago, in envelopes made to appear unofficial and designed to evade allied censorship, for onward transmission from Denmark to the German Foreign Office.

The ~~harmless~~ object of "Boghuset" is the distribution of various pro-German pamphlets and journals, one of which is the Danish-language newspaper "H. Tidsskrift" which is published in Germany for Danish war workers there. The distributing agent for this paper on the staff of "Boghuset" is Gerry ALIER, who lives at Klæckersvej 14, 1st floor, Gentofte (tel. Ge. 431).

(c) Since early in 1942 Abwehrstelle Copenhagen has been using as a reporting centre for agents, and as a post box, the firm of B. SCHILLING & Co., petrel merchants, Købmagergade 53, 3rd floor, Copenhagen (tel. C. 1109). The manager of this firm was a German, Erich Karl Maria SCHILLINGER. His chief assistant (Dan. "prokurist") was Jørgen PEJNING, the important Abwehr agent who has been the subject of previous reports and who is now reported to have been shot dead by

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A Denmark to Copenhagen in January 1944. The firm informed the Intelligence Service some months ago and it was denounced in the 1943 Christmas issue of the underground newspaper "Det Frie Danske". As a result of this denunciation it has removed from its address. Two other firms, however, which shared offices and telephone number with SCHILLING & Co., have not removed and it is presumed that the Abwehr continues to work through them. They are: the Financial Information Agency (Dan. "Handelscentralet") and the Credit Copenhagen House Agency (Dan. "St. Nikolajbygningens Rejsekrediter"), both owned by a certain H. Nielsen REICH. The name REICH has not appeared in any reporting that I can find, but it is possible that it is an alias either of SCHILLING or PEYVIE.

(d) The German Naval officer ADAMS who was arrested in Denmark for espionage in 1935 in connection with the PLUCK-HARTUNG case and deported to Germany is now reliably reported to be in charge of Abwehr control at Aarhus under Nebenstelle Aarhus. He was a submarine commander in the last war and came to live in Denmark about 1920 as a representative of the German oil yds. He lives at Birkeryd in North Sjaelland and he speaks fluent Danish.

(e) The Abwehr agent and former Rittmester in the Danish Cavalry, Nils DAHL, who was cashiered in 1922 in connection with the PLUCK-HARTUNG case and who was subsequently reported to have gone to Germany to join the German Army, is now reported to have returned to Denmark. His address is Falsterborg 21, Aarhus (Tel. 1109).

(f) The following Danish name and address was found in the possession of an Abwehr agent recently captured in the Kiel U-boat U-47, Axel, c. - 2, Store Strandmagade 7, Sndeborg. This is probably the home address of Lieutenant Axel DRON, a Dane serving in the German Army, who is reliably reported to have been until recently a member of Abwehrstelle Sofia.

Description: Born 1920, height 5'5" (1.65m), lightly built, pale complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, deep voice, slim white hands, effeminate walk, clean-shaven. Dresses eccentrically (wears in summer a helmet, shorts and fancy shoes). Weak character; drinks considerably; speaks Danish, English and French - all quite well - and some Bulgarian.

(g) A very reliable source has reported that an Abwehr officer or agent with the surname LUND, who has been operating in North Italy, has fallen foul of his superiors and has been sent to Copenhagen where he had arrived by the 5th November 1944. It is possible that he is identical with Henrik LUND, merchant, Juridalsvej 128, 3rd floor, Copenhagen, (tel. Godthab 2445), who was reported in 1941 to be a dangerous German agent operating in Copenhagen. Henrik LUND speaks German, English and French.

(h) The Abwehr agent and oil salesman, RIMSTED, stated in a previous report to be active in Copenhagen, is believed to be identical with Ørjan RIMSTED of Østerbrogade 7, Hellerup (tel. 4560). He is now managing director of an oil company, B. RIMSTED & Co., Islands Brygge 22, Copenhagen (tel. C. 8252). It shares this address and telephone number with the large German-owned firm, Kjøbenhavns Kul & Koks Kompani A/S, through which the Abwehr has for long been known to operate and which RIMSTED has been for several years an employee.

(i) The Abwehr agent Ott. ELLER, who was recently reported to have arrived in Denmark, bound for Copenhagen, Denmark, is now thought to be identical with Ott. G. ELLER of Frederiksberg 156, 2nd floor, Vanl/sv, Copenhagen.

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(1.1. P. 2055). This man is in business as a fish dealer with an office at Kødbyen, Flueskæret, port 17, Copenhagen (tel. C. 6927). The report which stated that Capt. WILDER had gone to Denmark described him as a fish expert.

(j) Gunnar HILSSON, the agent of Abwehrstelle C perhaps recently reported to be in business as a fish dealer with an office in Kødbyen, Flueskæret 17, has moved from this address although the premises are still occupied by a firm of fish dealers with whom it is possible that he is still connected. His home address, Kirkevej 15, Charlottenlund, remains unchanged.

2. Sipo and S.D.

(a) A report has been received from a source, the reliability of which cannot be assessed, that S.S.-Standartenführer DR. HILMER, the "Befehlshaber" of the Sipo and S.D. for Denmark, has been replaced by S.S.-Standartenführer BOVENSIEPEN.

(b) The head of Abteilung VI is now reported by a reliable source to be Hauptsturmführer FRIE. He came to Denmark in 1937 under diplomatic cover, but he emerged from this cover and became a uniformed S.S. officer when the German invasion of Denmark took place.

(c) It appears to be the practice at the Sipo and S.D. Headquarters, "Dagmarhus", Copenhagen, for certain Danish-speaking officers to be used for interrogating Danish prisoners, on behalf of all six departments, dealing with each department in turn in successive interrogations. The reports of interrogations are signed by the suspect, counter-signed by the interrogator and headed with the department symbol in the top left hand corner, e.g. IV A 1. One of the officials who conducts such interrogations is Kriminalakademie SD-N.

(d) The headquarters of the Sipo and S.D. for Jutland is at the farm "Staldgården", near Helsingør, and a section of Helsingør Prison has been made available to them in a similar arrangement to that prevailing at the Fjernan Prison, Copenhagen.

(e) There is a post in Aarhus. The location of the office is not known, but the officers and men are quartered in the students' hostel at the University, according to the report they number 800, but this may include Ordnungspolizei. The only officer whose name is known is "Kriminalberater" JØHANNSEN, who appears to be the link with the Danish S.T.D.

(f) The detachment at "Graf Svend Havn", Esbjerg, is under the command of Kriminalkommissar BURKEIN. A detachment of 150 Ordnungspolizei under Hauptmann BOOSFELD is quartered with it.

(g) The post at Lyngkøgade 13, Aalborg, is under the command of Kriminalakademie HERDT.

(h) The staff of the post at Odense consists of 18 Sicherheitspolizei, under the command of Kriminalakademie GÜNTZ, and 150 Ordnungspolizei under Hauptmann LEPPKE. In addition to the "Husmands" Sch. 1 and the "Dalum" Sch. 1, previously reported to be occupied by the Sipo and S.D., there is an office in the town of Odense itself, at the youth hostel "Vandrehjem" in Unsgaardsgræde. It is known to be used for interrogations and is probably the head office for Fyn. There are also 10 Gehaltsfeldpolizei at the "Vandrehjem", commanded by Leutnant SCHULZE, and five or six Feldgendarmerie.

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There is an out-post of Ordningens liste at Otterup, near Odense, commanded by an officer called GEHEK, who is described as "F. liste Meister".

(i) There is a post at the garrison town of Nakskov, on the island of Sjælland, and the officer in charge lives in the customs house, which overlooks the inner harbour.

(ii) The following are reliably reported to be S.D. and S.S. agents:-

(i) HILDE, Steen Andersen & Peter HESTLE

Dane. Born 15.3.19 at Odense. He travels about in Denmark under his alias and describes himself as a merchant, giving his date and place of birth as 14.12.17, Copenhagen, and his address as Højgårdsgade 44, Gentofte. On November 1943, when he was clearly acting for the Germans, he was asked by the Danish police to produce credentials. He produced these, and they showed that he was an S.S.-Sturmbannführer (presumably of the "Schleswig Corps").

(ii) BIRKELUND-HØJSEN, S.S.L.F.

Dane. Born 6.12.11. He was a "Kapt.jnl/jtnant" in the Danish army and adjutant of the 15th Bn, 1st Regt. of Infantry, Skt. Kjærsvej 3, Copenhagen, until the demobilisation of the Danish army in September 1943. He is now an officer in the "Søfjelborg" Corps.

(iii) KENNEDY, Paul.

Address: Åboulevarden 24, Odense.

Dane. He describes himself as a generalist. Part of his duties consists of interrogating Danish prisoners at Hørsholm concentration camp. He is a old member of the Danish National Socialist Party, and was described in 1941 as head of its department of racial policies.

(iv) LAURSEN, Carlus.

Address: Aarhus.

Dane. Born 15.9.13 in Argentina. He was arrested by the Danish police in Aarhus in November 1943 for being in unauthorised possession of a rev. 1907. During the search of his person, it was found that he was an agent of the S.S.

(v) KØLSEN, T.J.P.O. (Nick-named "Tibbe").

Address: Åboulevarden 3, Odense, Copenhagen.

He was a "Prediger/jtnant" of the 15th Bn of the 1st Regiment of Infantry. Discharged until the demobilisation of the Danish army in September 1943. Since his demobilisation, he has been employed by the S.D. and S.S. in attempts to penetrate Danish resistance by assisting with escapes to Sweden. Although he is known to many Danes as strongly pro-German and a member of the Nazi organisation within the Danish army, "Forsvarets Vægtskæde", he represents himself as having changed his political

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views and is being used as the escape to Sweden. He asks for assistance, and when arrangements have been made for his escape, he does not know where he will make them. For no such permission, which resulted in the arrest of two Copenhagen citizens by the Sipo. MADSEN was recently blacklisted in the Danish underground press.

Descript: Brown hair up 1918, height 6'1" (1.85m), medium build, light fair hair, distinguished features.

(vi) THEISEN, Christian Jessen

Address: ⁴Dunder, South Jutland

He is a member of the local Danish C.I.D. ("Kriminalassistent"). He assists the Sipo and S.D. with their arrests of Danes, ostensibly as an interpreter. His activities are strongly resented by his Danish police colleagues who succeeded in charging him with blackmarkete offences during November 1943 and in having him remanded in custody. It is unknown whether or not he has been released. He was born in the disputed territory of Slesvig-Holsten and claims to be a German subject.

(vii) VIELSDØ, Harluf Christian

Address: ⁴Katrinegade 29, Kolding.

Dane. He has taken part with the Sipo in the arrests of Danish patriots in Kolding.

(viii) KOLSEN, Einer

Address: ⁴Danmarks Hotel, Copenhagen.

Dane. Manager of the abo hotel. He has been supplied with a revolver by the Sipo and S.D. This fact is known to the Danish police who have made repeated attempts to have it taken from him.

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